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To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbag Road
New Delhi-110 003.

Sub: Proposal for revision in Environment Clearance granted vide letter no. J-11015/17/2014-IA II(M), dated 22nd September, 2014 for Kapurdi Lignite Open Cast Mine Project in order to provide for change of capacity from 3.75 MTPA to 4.5 MTPA (50% increase from original capacity of 3.0 MTPA) under provisions of Office Memorandum No. J -11015/30/2004-IA.II (M) dated 7th January, 2014 and J-15012/30/2004-IA.II(M) dated 30th May, 2014.

Ref.: Environment Clearance granted vide sanction letter No. J-11015/30/2014-IA.II(M) dated 22nd September, 2014 for Kapurdi Lignite Mines.

Dear Sir,

Barmer Lignite Mining Company Ltd. (BLMCL), is a joint venture of Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Ltd. (RSMML) A Govt. of Rajasthan Enterprises and Raj WestPower Ltd. (RWPL) wherein RSMML holds 51% equity.

Ministry of Coal vide its letter no.13016/39/2006-CA-1 dated 13/11/2006 allocated Kapurdi and Jalipa lignite blocks for mining of lignite to be used for power generation. Kapurdi mine started its production in October, 2011 and is supplying lignite to RWPL Power Plant (8x135 MW) located close to the mines at Village Bhadresh. The approved capacity of Jalipa Mines is 6 MTPA but the commencement of lignite production from this mine was delayed due to problems in land acquisition and it could be started only in the year 2017. The Environment Clearance dated 22nd September, 2014 envisages that after four years, the capacity of Kapurdi Mines i.e. 7 MTPA to be tapered down to commensurate with increase in Jalipa production and combined production level shall never breach the already approved 9 MTPA.

All the 8 units of 135MW each of RWPL Power Plant have been put on commercial operation in March, 2013 and capacity of Kapurdi mine alone was not sufficient to feed all 8 units. Therefore, BLMCL applied to MoEF&CC initially for capacity increase up to 25% against the office memorandum No. J-11015/30/2004.IA.II(M) dated 19.12.2012 and later 7.0 MTPA for four years. Both the applications were approved by MoEF&CC and



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Environment Clearance were issued against them. Four year period of capacity expansion has completed on 31st March 2018 and now the effective capacity of Kapurdi mine is only 3.75 MTPA.

Jalipa mine is still in development stage and unable to feed the balance requirement of Power plant therefore to mitigate the demand of power plant, amendment in Environment Clearance conditions of Kapurdi mine is urgently needed.

MoEF&CC vide its Office Memorandum no. J-11015/30/2004-IA.II(M) dated 07th January,2014 and even no. dated 30.05.2014, 28.07.2014 & 02.09.2014, has agreed to the request of Ministry of Coal to consider expansion up to 50% of the approved capacity for those projects also who have obtained one time capacity expansion of 25%.

Therefore, as per provisions of above mentioned office memorandums, it is requested to enhance the production capacity of Kapurdi Lignite by 50% of the original capacity of mine to 4.5 MTPA.

The salient points for your kind consideration are given below: -

1. MoEF has granted EC for 3 MTPA for Kapurdi Lignite Mine vide letter no. J-11015/472/2007-IA.II(M) dated 10/12/2008 and subsequently enhanced by 25% from 3 MTPA to 3.75 MTPA vide letter no. J-11015/12/2013.IA.II(M) dated 24/12/2013.
2. Capacity expansion of 7.0 MTPA for 4 years was granted vide letter no. J-11015/17/2014-IA.II(M) dated 22.09.2014.
3. The EC for Kapurdi Lignite Mine (3 MTPA) was accorded under the EIA Notification 2006, after undergoing Public Hearing on 18.03.2008. For expansion of 7.0 MTPA also public hearing was conducted.
4. The capacity expansion up to 50% would be achieved within the existing lease hold area following the existing mining method of open-cast, mainly by better man and equipment management.
5. The Environmental monitoring reports are being regularly submitted to MoEF, Regional Office Lucknow, MoEF New Delhi, Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi and Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur. We have engaged the MoEF recognized laboratory which also has NABL accreditation for monitoring purpose. A certified report of the Regional Office of MoEF at Lucknow on the compliance of EC conditions stipulated for Kapurdi lignite mine shall be submitted shortly.



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6. There is no court case pending against the project and the existing operations are running smoothly.
 7. The project does not fall in Critically Polluted Area (CPA). No notice has been issued at any time to the project under Section 5 of the Environment (Pollution) Act, 1986.

In view of the above submissions, it is requested that BLMCL may be permitted for production capacity enhancement upto 50% of the original approved capacity i.e., from the original 3 MTPA to 4.5 MTPA, which would enable BLMCL to provide additional lignite to RWPL Power Plant for utilizing the generation capacity so created, in the larger public interest.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

For Barmer Lignite Mining Company Ltd.,


Managing Director

Encl: Form-I with Annexures



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